

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1 - 15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A harvesting machine having a plurality of cutting elements supported by frames, a support assembly comprising:
a center frame said center frame supporting a first cutting element;
~~at least one~~ two intermediate frames being moveable around a two first pivots
between a working position and at least one transport position, ~~said at least one~~
intermediate frames pivoting inwardly relative to said center frame when said
intermediate frames are ~~is~~ moved from said working position to said at least one transport
position, said intermediate frames supporting two second cutting elements;
~~at least one~~ two outer frames, said outer frames being moveable around two
second pivots between a working position and at least one transport position, said outer
frames pivoting outwardly around said second pivots relative to said intermediate frames
when said outer frames ~~is~~ are moved from said working position to said at least one
transport position, said outer frames supporting two third cutting elements.

17. (New) A harvesting machine according to claim 16 further comprising
two first apparatuses, said first apparatuses being operative to pivot each of said
intermediate frames, respectively, inwardly to a transport position.

18. (New) A harvesting machine according to claim 16, further comprising two second apparatuses, said second apparatuses being operative to pivot each of said outer frames, respectively, through 180° with respect to said intermediate frames.

19. (New) A harvesting machine according to claim 16, wherein said intermediate frames and said outer frames are positioned to provide a forward field of view substantially at a centerline of the machine, said forward field of view being unimpaired by said intermediate frames and said outer frames when at least said intermediate frames are in a transport position.

20. (New) A harvesting machine according to claim 19, wherein said forward field of view is unimpaired when said intermediate frames are in said at least one transport position and said outer frames are in said at least one transport position.